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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland - Two Women Killed, Others Wounded in Party Bus Shooting

(U) Two women were killed and at least three other women were wounded early Tuesday morning after someone opened fire on a party bus on an Oakland freeway, authorities said. The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau confirmed one woman died in the bus and the other at an Oakland hospital. The shooting happened at about 12:20 a.m. on eastbound Interstate 580 near the Seminary Avenue offramp, as the party bus was returning to Oakland from San Francisco with a group celebrating a woman's 21st birthday. A gunman or gunmen in another vehicle began shooting at the bus on the freeway and the suspects followed the bus off I-580 and shot at them some more on city streets, near 68th Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, authorities said. Dozens of rounds were fired at the party bus.

SOURCE: 18 May 2021, East Bay Times

(U) San Diego – US Border Patrol Intercepts Boat Carrying 23 Illegal Immigrants

(U) An investigation is underway after the US Coast Guard, along with Border Patrol Agents, responded to a troubled panga boat off the coast of San Diego, California. The vessel was spotted just before 3 a.m. on Monday. Coast Guard officials say the boat's captain refused to listen to commands to stop and became stuck on the coast of Point Loma. There was a total of 23 illegal immigrants found on board. US Custom and Border Protection took the group into custody and said 20 of the immigrants are from Mexico and three are from Guatemala.

SOURCE: 18 May 2021, Fox News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - FBI Receives Surge of Complaints for Online Scams, Investment Fraud

(U) Washington – The FBI says that complaints concerning online scams and investment fraud have now reached a record-breaking level. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) received its six millionth complaint on 15 May. While it took close to seven years for the IC3 to register its first one million reports, it took only 14 months to add the latest million to file. According to the US agency, annual complaint volumes increased by close to 70% between 2019 and 2020. The most common crimes reported were phishing scams, schemes relating to non-payment or non-delivery, and extortion attempts.

SOURCE: 18 May 2021, ZD Net

(U) Maryland - Two Charles County Sheriff's Deputies Shot Attempting to Serve Warrant in Waldorf

(U) Waldorf – Two Maryland sheriff's deputies were shot and wounded Monday in Waldorf while trying to serve a warrant for a probation violation on an assault charge, a spokeswoman said. Deputies responded to a call at around 3:30 p.m. about a man who the caller, identified as a family member, wanted out of the house. Additional deputies were dispatched to the home because there were concerns about the man's mental condition and the danger he might pose. He was said to be experiencing a "mental health episode."

SOURCE: 17 May 2021, The Baltimore Sun

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Israel - Hamas-Israel Fighting Abates as Truce Calls Mount

(U) Cross-border fighting between Israel and Hamas appeared to abate slightly early on Tuesday, with no fatalities logged in Gaza for the first time since hostilities erupted on 10 May, and fewer long-range Palestinian rocket attacks. But a call by US President Joe Biden on Monday in support of a ceasefire appeared to go unheeded. Israel said it would press on, for now, with an offensive to destroy the capabilities of the armed factions Hamas and Islamic Jihad and rocket attacks continued. The United States and other world powers have been pushing for an end to the fiercest escalation in the conflict in years, in which Gaza officials say 212 Palestinians, including 61 children and 36 women, have been killed. SOURCE: 17 May 2021, Reuters

(U) Lebanon – Hezbollah Has Dug Network of Tunnels from Beirut to Southern Lebanon

(U) Beirut – The Hezbollah terror group has dug a network of tunnels hundreds of kilometers long from Beirut to southern Lebanon, the Kan public broadcaster reports. The network was dug in parallel to Hezbollah's six attack tunnels into Israel, which the IDF exposed and destroyed in 2018,. The purpose of the additional network was to enable the swift and covert movement of forces during a war against Israel, according to the report.

SOURCE: 17 May 2021, Times of Israel

(U) Nigeria – Police Launch Operation in Southeast to Quell Violence Blamed on Separatists

(U) Owerri – Police launched an operation on Tuesday in southeast Nigeria to put a stop to rising violence and crime there, including a spate of attacks on police which have triggered fears of a return to war and state-sanctioned violence. Armed gangs have carried out a series of killings of police officers in the region in recent months and mounted a jailbreak of more than 1,800 prisoners in the city of Owerri in April. Nigerian authorities blame a banned separatist group, the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and what police call the group's armed wing, the Eastern Security Network. read more Operation Restore Peace will "confront criminal elements" and address crimes such as banditry, kidnapping and armed robbery.

SOURCE: 17 May 2021, Reuters

(U) Tunisia – Security Forces Kills Five Suspected Militants Near Algerian Border

(U) Tunis – Security forces killed five suspected militants in the mountains near the border with Algeria on Monday. The operation, carried out by joint police and army forces in the Chaanabi mountains, is still continuing. Six years ago, an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) follower shot dead 39 foreigners on a beach in the coastal city of Sousse, triggering an exodus of tourists and severely damaging Tunisia's economy. Since then Tunisia has grown more effective in preventing and responding to attacks, but sleeper cells still pose a real threat, especially with the return of jihadists from Syria, Iraq and Libya. SOOURCE: 18 May 2021, Reuters

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